

## Minutes Human Relations Commission June 14, 2022

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m., held both In-Person & Virtually: Tempe Public Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282 & Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or by telephone: +1 480-498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll), Conference ID: 813 233 538#

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Melissa Farling  
Jana Lynn Granillo  
Candyce Lindsay  
William Ortega  
Joe Rojas  
Peggie Simmons (arrived late)  
Rabbani Furqaan  
David Reynolds

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Michelle Donati-Grayman  
Hugo Tapia  
Kate Vawter

**City Staff Present:**

Ginny Belousek, Acting Diversity Manager  
Danielle Gunn, Management Assistant

**Guests:**

Maria Laughner  
Lorenzo Perez  
Heidi Kimball  
Stacey Sutherland  
Sean Still  
Andrea Alley

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Minutes: HRC – May 10, 2022**

Motion made by Commissioner Granillo to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2022; Second by Commissioner Reynolds. Motion passed on a 7-0 vote. Ayes: Vice Chair William Ortega, and Commissioners Jana Lynn Granillo, Candyce Lindsay, Melissa Farling, David Reynolds, Rabbanni Furqaan, and Joe Rojas Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Michelle Donati-Grayman, Kate Vawter, and Peggie Simmons.

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**Agenda Item 3 – Presentation: Lease and Development of Hayden Flour Mill**

1. Presented by Maria Laughner, Deputy Economic Development Director, and development team.
  - a. Questions and comments:
    - i. Commissioner Jana Lynn Granillo would like the flour mill's purpose still represented today, even though it is no longer a working mill.
    - ii. Commissioner Melissa Farling asked about the tribal and sacred spaces – the original Hohokam point of entry to the canal and asked the development team to consider this as design continues. She also asked, as they continue to design, to emphasize the public spaces being for inclusion. The development team responded with positive intentions to consider these suggestions and learn more about the site.
    - iii. Commissioner David Reynolds asked if Tempe-based artists would be considered to paint murals on the existing buildings. The development team responded that they are excited to work with local artists in many different mediums. This is identified in the RFP.
    - iv. Vice Chair William Ortega asked Maria Laughner why Tempe wants to retain the land. Maria stated this site is significant to the city, and the city can preserve the land appropriately. Follow up question, financially, where would the funds go from this plot of land? The funds would go into the general fund. Final question to the group, knowing this land was a religious property, what would the city do to honor the native tribes, and are there plans to give back to the surrounding tribes? Maria stated the city is working directly with the tribes to understand what the tribes are looking to the City to do on that site.
    - v. Commissioner Joe Rojas asked what the development team needs from HRC. Response was feedback, input from HRC. Also, how does HRC contact you? Contact Maria, Project Manager, via Ginny Belousek.
    - vi. Commissioner Candyce Lindsay commented about the expense of being a local vendor at the mill and is hopeful it'll be accessible to them. The development team believes this could be a place this is possible.

**Agenda Item 4 – Presentation: Human Trafficking Training for Community Members**

1. Presentation on Human Trafficking was made by Lt. Sean Still, Tempe Police and Stacy Sutherland, AZ Trust.
  - a. Questions and comments:
    - i. Trafficked children can still be living at home and parents do not know.
    - ii. Commissioner Candyce Lindsay asked to clarify terms regarding trafficking.
    - iii. Vice Chair William Ortega commented how some cultural mindsets believe trafficking is normal, would like to know how to change that perspective. Regarding training, there is a lot of resistance on this training because of the sensitive nature of this subject. However, progress on training is happening.
    - iv. Commissioner Joe Rojas would like to revisit this presentation and conversation in the future. Yes, add to Proposed Future Agenda Items.
    - v. Ginny Belousek, Acting Diversity Manager, questioned about a recent kidnapping at a basketball game, would that be an example of how youth are introduced to trafficking? Response, without knowing investigation details, more often kids are groomed to leave willingly, not kidnapped.

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**Agenda Item 5 – Proposed Future Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Joe Rojas - Human Trafficking Training revisited again
2. Commissioner David Reynolds - Tempe Fire Department has a program, Patient Advocate Services, that helps community members learn about different medications, with a database, so when 911 is called and Fire Department shows up, the records are already available. Would like a presentation for the HRC.
3. Commissioner Candyce Lindsay – update on Tempe schools renaming and what is up next
4. Commissioner Melissa Farling – actions and/or recommendations the HRC can make, and internal conversation.

**Agenda Item 6 – Diversity Office Update**

1. Ginny Belousek, Acting Diversity Manager – The city is hopeful an offer will be extended to the new Chief Diversity Officer by end of July.
2. MLK breakfast is confirmed for Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item 7 – Upcoming Meeting: Cancellation of July meeting**

**Motion made by Commissioner Rojas to adjourn the meeting  
Second by Commissioner Furqaan  
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**

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Prepared by: Danielle Gunn

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Reviewed by: Ginny Belousek